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In re Application of:	: Confirmation No.: 5388
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FOR: SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR AUTOMATIC SPEECH RECOGNITION	

COMMENTS ON THE REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In the Notice of Allowability, the Examiner indicates that the combination of Reynar and Haddock fail to recite a system, method and controller comprising generating a plurality of lattices for receiving speech utterances associated with filling in a plurality of user selected data fields in a user interface. Applicants simply comment that they do not necessarily acquiesce to the particular characterization of the prior art and its teachings in the detailed action and further note that in the previous Office Action Applicants have argued against the obviousness analysis in view of challenging the combination of Reynar with Haddock. Applicants maintain this position that one of skill in the art would not have sufficient motivation or suggestion, by a preponderance of the evidence, to combine Reynar with Haddock. Accordingly, Applicants

merely note that they would preserve the right to continue to argue against the combination to combine these references in companion patent applications.

Respectfully submitted,

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